

BAR HARBOR CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MINUTES-REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 8, 2010

ITEM 1

-CALL TO ORDER- The meeting was called to order at 7:05pm. Present were: Handel, Ocel, Watson, Weber, Albert, Haskel, Wheeler and Krieg.

ITEM 2

EXCUSED ABSENCES- There were no absences.

ITEM 3

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES- The minutes of Feb. 8, 2010 were accepted.

ITEM 4

ADOPTION OF AGENDA- In the future, we will refer to item 'Solid Waste', rather than 'Solid Waste PAYT'. We will add 'Vernal Pools', 'Flag lighting', 'Herbicide/pesticide spray on town green',

'Lamoine Conservation Commission- vote on support of movie Tap' to agenda. We will move 'Staff Report' as first Item. We will eliminate 'Wind Turbine', as John Kelly couldn't attend. The agenda was adopted as amended.

ITEM 5

OLD BUSINESS-

-Staff reports- Anne K. The assistant planner attended a conference on recycling- Anne will bring us information. ACTION- Anne K. will get the DOT's list of plants that they plan to plant along the scenic byway.

-Vernal Pools- Steve Ressel will meet with Anne K. She will furnish him with data collected by volunteers last year.

-Flag lighting- a community member noted that the town flag is lit with a light pointing up to the sky. ACTION- Enoch will research standard dark sky compliant town flag lighting- a possible appropriate, affordable substitute.

It was noted that the 'box' light at the Log Cabin is back on.

-Pesticide/herbicide used on the town greens. ACTION- Anne K. will look into what the town uses on the greens.

-Solid Waste- We discussed the some reactions to the Commission's interest in researching Pay as You Throw as a possible option to encourage recycling. The council had asked us to investigate the practice to see if it would make sense for Bar Harbor. ACTION- Jill will gather their questions so we can answer them. Jill talked with Ron Graves- he had suggestions on details for signage at the Recycling center. ACTION- Anne K. will check to see how much money we have set aside for recycling signage. We discussed ways to make clear and simple, easy to read signs- more graphic? A motion was made and all were in favor to have a graphic designer help with this project. ACTION_ Anne K. will talk with Karen Z. about signage. We'd like to look into updating the town's website- add images- user friendly. ACTION- Jill will investigate signage- a possible COA graphic design class project? ACTION- Carla and M.A. Will develop text for the town website based on Ron's information. Signs could be color coded? ACTION- Jill will calculate the mil rate for waste removal in Bar Harbor.

-CFL recycling- We discussed the promotion of CFL recycling- perhaps on Earth Day. No plans

-Composters- Enoch reports that composter samples are at Salsbury Farms. ACTION-He will bring on to the town office for people to see when they come pay taxes. Perhaps take one to Parady's for a week? ACTION- M.A. will ask if it's possible to put one at the lab. Other ideas- Reel Pizza, YMCA.

-We voted to support the Lamoine Conservation Commission in the showing of the movie, by contributing \$100.00 . All were in favor.

ITEM 6

NEW BUSINESS-

-Take it or leave it building- Sherry Rasmussen- Jill and Pat S. report that Sherry Rasmussen suggests moving one of Walsh's buildings to the transfer station to use for a re-use station. We suggested she look into the logistics, cost, etc. and come with a plan if she'd like. We support the idea of a 'take it or leave it' area at the transfer station. ACTION- Carla will ask Ron about the possibility of using existing space as a Re- Use space.

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ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA-

Solid Waste

All Old Business

Wind turbines on MDI- John Kelly/FOA representative.

ITEM 8

ADJOURNMENT- The meeting was adjourned at 8:50pm.

Anne Wheeler, Sect.